

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**  
**September 6, 2016**

PRESENT: Dexter S. Kinsella, Robert P. Valentine, Steven M. Romano

OTHERS: Allan Walker

Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 30, 2016 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: Dexter Kinsella reported being approached by a number of Goshen residents who are concerned about the plan to construct Wind Turbines (adjacent to hiking trails). The maps provided to First Selectman Bob Valentine were very vague, lacking specific information. Bob will be attending a meeting with BNE Energy and the Torrington Water Company on September 20<sup>th</sup> to garner clarity of the entire plan. In the interim, Representative Jay Case is investigating the requirements to hold a Public Hearing on this matter.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: 9/8/16

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of September 8, 2016 in the amount of \$36,682.62. The motion was amended by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, to reflect corrected figures of \$40,389.62. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$22,997.44 and the warrant in the amount of \$17,401.18. Voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

The Goshen Board of Selectmen extend their thanks and deep appreciation to Jim O'Leary who headed up the emergency plans during the Goshen Fair this past weekend. Those involved were Troop B, Connecticut State Police, Lt. William Baldwin, Goshen Agricultural Society President, Rick Wadhams, Goshen Fire Company Chief, Barry Hall, Captain Peter Bernard, DEMHS Area 5, Tom Vannini, Paul Gibb, Deputy EMD as well as CERT members and EOC staff.

The current Recreation Director has stepped down from her position. With the creation of a "search committee" consisting of 1 representative from the Board of Selectmen; 1 representative from the Board of Finance; and 3 members from the Recreation Commission, the process of finding a new replacement will soon begin.

A resident from Woodridge Lake expressed concern about water collected in the sediment basins in connection with the breeding of mosquitos. Bob Valentine has researched the issue and worked with the Torrington Area Health Department to address their concerns.

With the upcoming Annual Town meeting in mind, Bob Valentine polled members concerning the creation of an *ordinance* on stone walls abutting town roads similar to one adopted by the Town of Harwinton. It was agreed that a draft would be put together for review at a future meeting.

Bob Valentine has received a proposal from a local vendor to replace the meeting table in the Conference Room. The replacement table will be a model that has pull-away sections for various meeting set ups, i.e. round table – to avoid any sitting board members from having their backs to audience, or *separate sections* of table to accommodate individual work teams in a workshop. Two more proposals will be sought to comply with the purchasing policy.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS: None

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add item 10.a *Executive Session to discuss pending litigation* to the agenda. Voted unanimous.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:  
a. Executive Session for discussion of pending litigation.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to move into executive session at 5:22 p.m. Voted unanimous.

The Board returned to open session at 5:36 p.m. No action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT:  
IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide